Bronx Legal Services is seeking fellowship applicants for our Family and Immigration, Education, Foreclosure, and Public Benefits Units.

Our Economic Justice Unit handles a broad range of cases including employment rights for low wage workers, access to unemployment insurance and disability benefits, consumer rights, tax and elder law. A fellow would gain experience representing individuals and groups in state and federal court and administrative hearings.

Our Family and Immigration Unit is engaged in individual and systemic advocacy regarding intimate partner violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and other forms of violence in a wide range of family and immigration matters, including orders of protection, custody/visitation, child/spousal support, U & T nonimmigrant status, VAWA, SIJS, and asylum. It also does work regarding family-based immigration applications and naturalizations, trying to keep children out of the foster care system, family reunification, and the New York State child maltreatment registry.

Our Education Unit is involved in special education and school discipline advocacy, including representation of students with disabilities in special education proceedings and school suspension hearings. The Unit is interested working with a potential Fellow to create a Project around a medical legal partnership geared towards addressing the needs of students with emotional and behavioral issues, and addressing the Schools to Prison pipeline through individual cases, as well as policy work and systemic advocacy.

Our Foreclosure Unit works to stem the tide of foreclosures brought on by the historic foreclosure crisis of the last decade. Many Bronx communities of color have been targeted with abusive mortgages while disproportionately being denied conventional mortgages and other financial services. Through litigation, representation in court settlement conferences and non-litigation advocacy outside of court, the Foreclosure Prevention unit seeks to end these abusive practices while remediating the legacy of predatory lending in the Bronx by transforming these mortgages into affordable loans that preserve homeownership and retain wealth in the form of home equity.

Our Public Benefits Unit represents clients challenging denials or reductions of public assistance, Medicaid and SNAP benefits. It represents clients in administrative Fair Hearings, appeals in Supreme Court Article 78 proceedings and affirmative litigation challenging systemic barriers to access to benefits by working people, the disabled and individuals with language barriers.

Our LGBTQ Advocacy Project handles individual cases and identifies systemic issues affecting these communities. We handle a wide variety of matters in a general practice model including immigration, public benefits, family, divorce, domestic/intimate partner violence, health, and education matters. Our Project coordinates with LSNYC’s Citywide LGBTQIH Project and works closely with CBOs throughout the City who work with LGBTQ-identified people.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume to Sylvia Figueroa, Assistant to the Project Director, Bronx Legal Services, by email to sfigueroa@lsnyc.org, subject line “Fellowship 2018”. 